



Gender and Power Dynamics in South African Political Transitions: A Survey Analysis

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Abstract

The study explores gender dynamics in South African political transitions, focusing on how gender intersects with power structures during and after apartheid. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including a quantitative survey of South African citizens and qualitative interviews with political actors. Data were analysed using thematic coding and statistical software. Findings indicate that although there has been an increase in female political leadership, women continue to face significant barriers such as underrepresentation in top-tier positions and gender-based discrimination. The research underscores the need for continued efforts towards gender equality in South African politics. Policy recommendations include enhancing gender quotas, increasing transparency in political appointments, and implementing anti-discrimination measures.

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